Dear Nagle Community,

It has been a really positive start to the school year, for many reasons. The Year 12 students worked really well with the Year 7s, to ensure a promising start to their secondary schooling. Our Year 7s also had orientation days at St Pat’s and these were a great success.

All students received the Ashes on Ash Wednesday, to commemorate the beginning of Lent and Father Tai and Father Gerard led services with our students. All our staff attended a Regional Mass to commence the year, celebrated by Bishop Justin and this was a fine event for all.

The Nagle Ball was held on Saturday last and our students looked magnificent, conducted themselves with class and dignity and most of all, had a really nice time during the evening. I wish to congratulate them and Mrs Kobie Connolly, Miss Jessica Wain and Mr Rohan Fariss for their work to put the event together.

It is interesting to look back on all these events and see how much has been happening and how well the year has started.

Our staff, on 1 March, will participate in professional learning in the use of iPads and also, our senior staff will be engaged in a program called ‘Growth Coaching’, which will hopefully up-skill them in working with their various teams at the College.

College AGM

The College AGM was held on 19 February and I wish to announce the College Board for 2013 -

Mrs Deb Carson
Mr Stephen Heelan
Mrs Marie Masotto
Mr Garry Ovens
Mrs Linda Patrick (P&F Rep)
Mr Grant Russell
Mr Declan Tanham
Mrs Brenda Williamson

I wish to congratulate these parents and thank them for their commitment to the College. You may note that due to some confusion, there is one Board member still to be placed. This process will occur in accordance with the Constitution at the first meeting and it will rely on the votes which occurred at the AGM. I will announce all office bearers in a subsequent Newsletter. The Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month excluding holidays.

I would also like to announce the P&F office bearers for 2013:
President: Ms Lara Dalton
Secretary: Mrs Nicole Benham
Treasurer: Mrs Liz Melville
P&F Representative: Mrs Linda Patrick

I will place the meeting dates for the P&F meetings on the College website.

Mr Declan Tanham
Principal

Tickets on sale now for ‘Calamity Jane’

Beau Simpson and Hanna Thuijs—Beau and Belle of the Ball 2013
Year 12 Students

TEE Consultants offer excellent WACE Revision Courses in the July School holidays. These are intensive courses that last for a week and are run at UWA. Students have the opportunity to “live in” at Trinity if they desire. These courses have been well-attended by our past Year 12 students who deem them to be most beneficial.

Application forms are available from my office.

Mrs Robyn Gummery
Vice Principal

Use of Laptop/iPads/Computer Devices

I would like to remind students of their responsibility in using any ICT device. The Student Computer Code of Conduct is covered in full in the student diaries (pages 24-27). I would like to reiterate:

- Students are not permitted to download anything illegal, including games, movies and music.
- Students are not permitted to upload or post any images or movies of any student, staff member or College event. This includes uploading to Youtube or Facebook.

Basically, if it is not for school use or educational purposes or not sanctioned by a teacher, they shouldn’t be doing it!

Mr Danny Bowen
Director of Students

Who to contact

From time to time, parents have a pastoral concern about their child, however, may not know to whom that concern should be directed.. Our advice would be to contact your child’s House Leader first. They will know how best to manage the situation and will know who needs to be notified to achieve a positive outcome.

If your child tells you about a concern they have at school and you think it would be best if they tried to resolve it themselves, ask them to talk to either their Home-Room teacher or their House Leader.

If you do have a concern please let us know. Once we are aware of an issue, we can find the best way to resolve it. Likewise, if an event occurs outside of school, that you feel may impact adversely on your child, please contact their House Leader and let them know. This way, we will be better able to assist your child at school, should the need arise.

Mr Mike Williams
Director of Students

Health Care Card Tuition Fee Discount and Secondary Assistance Scheme

Parents and guardians who are responsible for the payment of school fees and hold a current means tested Health Care Card, or Pensioner Concession Card with the code “PPS”, will be entitled to a discount on tuition fees.

Please bring in your card as soon as possible, to complete the appropriate forms to enable the discount to be applied to your account.

If you hold a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you are also entitled to the Secondary Assistance Scheme if your child is in Years 8-12. This consists of an allowance of $235, which is paid directly to the College and a Clothing Allowance of $115, which is paid directly to parents.

Applications close on Friday 19 April.

Mrs Marie Masotto
Business Manager
Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the ‘House Spirit’ award for their contribution to House events in 2012. This is a very meritorious award and one of which they should be very proud.

Awards were presented at the Commissioning of our Seniors’ assembly.

Bishop House—Luke Clarkson
Kelly House—Joely Carroll
Foley House—Madison Broadhurst
O’Collins House.—Tenielle Hawke
Ryan House—Mitchell Potts
Thomas House—Kelsey Norman

Mr Danny Bowen
Director of Students

Progress report on Jack Mills’ project...

During the past two weeks, 1A Materials Design and Technology student Jack Mills, has worked hard on machining timber and shaping parts of his hall table.

Dressing and machining timber is a noisy and time consuming process for the boys to undertake, however, turning a rough sawn piece of timber into an elegant piece of perfectly dressed timber can be both satisfying and rewarding, when the warm textures and colours of a piece of solid Jarrah are revealed.

Jack has since dressed the timber for his rails, drawer runner supports and legs. Jack has shaped a nice taper on each leg, by hand, with a smoothing plane. In the coming weeks, he will be looking at joining these parts together with a series of concealed joints, such as dowels and dominos.

Keep following Jack’s progress in each issue of the Newsletter.

Mr Corey Smith
Woodwork teacher

Australian hockey representative, Glenn Simpson, visited the College last week..

Mr Simpson, who played for the Kookaburras at the recent Champions Trophy, talked to students about life as an elite athlete and being part of The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

Mr Simpson said, unlike AFL players, many elite athletes in Australia struggled financially.

“We have to live off less than three hundred dollars a week, and that can be pretty tough,” he said.

Mr Simpson has only just returned from India, where he and other Kookaburra squad members took part in the Indian Hockey League competition, including former Nagle Head Boy, Fergus Kavanagh.

“It works very much like the IPL cricket competition. Players are auctioned off for tens-of-thousands of dollars—players can really earn quite a lot of money. It is really great for the sport of hockey,” Mr Simpson said.

Mr Simpson went on to take part in the local hockey Skins competition in Geraldton.

Mr Peter Fiorenza
Public Relations
The College production in 2013 is *Calamity Jane*. Students and staff have been planning and rehearsing since Term 3, 2012 and it is sure to be a fun production of the well-known musical.

- Queens Park Theatre
- Thursday 21, Friday 22 and Saturday 23 March
- 7.30pm
- Tickets available from QPT Box Office, Tel:99566662

Ticket prices as follows:
- $25 early bird (Purchase before Friday 22 February)
- $30 thereafter
- Pensioners: $24
- Students/other concessions: $15
- Family ticket (2 adults/2 children):$75

The weekend at the end of Week 2, 15 February, saw a group of 19 students attend the annual trip to Perth for the Perth International Arts Festival.

This trip incorporates visits to a number of live theatrical performances, as well as some art shows and street theatre. The events are a mix of international and local Perth shows and usually there is something for everyone. This year proved no different. On the Friday night we attended the Heath Ledger Theatre in Northbridge. The performance of *Watt* was a little disappointing, but the students made up for this by providing their own entertainment on the streets of Northbridge afterwards, by joining in with a couple of buskers and showing Perth that Geraldton kids know how to party.

Saturday was a feast on the senses with a movement performance called *Clouds* that took us on a journey through time and space. Later that evening at the Subiaco Arts Centre we were enthralled by Barking Gecko’s *Duck, Death and the Tulip*. This was the highlight of the trip. The street theatre that followed on Rokeby Road was a little voyeuristic and disturbing, but what is surprising is how advanced theatre has come in terms of the forms of multimedia used.

The trip is a wonderful cultural experience for the students. While at times the performances can be a bit hit and miss, the advantage of the camp is that it opens the imaginative theatrical world to the students. Our students do not disappoint us...they are mature, grown up and open-minded; willing to accept whatever the camp has to offer them. This particular group was such a delight to take away. They bonded as a group and were so generous and caring of each other. Thank you to Mrs Royce for driving the bus and to Mr Gregson who also accompanied us on the trip.

Mrs Kerry Faichney
Head of Learning Area—English and Languages

Congratulations, to Year 11 student Ashlee Farmer, who has won the 2012 Encouragement Award from the Geraldton Universities Centre for her outstanding achievements. Well done, Ashlee!

Mrs Muneen Niemeyer
Head of Learning Area—Society and Environment

Year 7 Atlas App

Year 7s have been asked to download an Atlas app. The Jacaranda Atlas has been problematic for some users. Once downloaded, if it remains locked, please contact Apple online for a refund and download the Oxford Atlas app instead. Either atlas app may be used.

Miss Mische Westlake
Year 7 Netball Coordinator

Important Dates:
- Sub Junior grading 12 March 2013 3:30-4:30pm
- Affiliation forms due to the Nagle front office 12 March 2013
- Sub Junior Netball Fees ($130) due to Nagle front office 12 April 2013

Year 7 Netball

Any Year 7 girls wishing to play netball this season and who missed the netball meeting on Wednesday are to see Miss Westlake in the PE office during lunch to register and collect forms.

All Year 7s must play in Sub Juniors (Sat Morning), but may also play in the junior competition with a club on Tuesday/Friday nights.

The first grading will take place on Tuesday 12 March from 3:30-4:30pm on the Nagle Netball Courts. The Nagle PE uniform must be worn.

We will require a coach and an umpire for each team for the season. We need volunteers, yes you! No coach, no umpire = no team. If you are interested or require any further information please contact me ASAP at westlake.mischa@cathednet.wa.edu.au

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Miss Mische Westlake
Year 7 Netball Coordinator

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school or late to school, please advise the front office before 9am on the day.

SMS THE ABSENCE
0408 018 103
Does your child want to improve their English skills? Do they want a little extra support with essay writing? Do they want to focus on spelling, grammar and vocabulary? Then English Tutoring could be the answer!

The Nagle English Department is offering afterschool tutoring again this year for willing and enthusiastic students from all Year groups, in order to improve the literacy skills and results of our students. English staff will be appearing on a rotational basis, so students will have a variety of people to assist them.

Tutoring is offered every week, in an informal style and students come as often as they like, with no need to commit to weekly attendance. Ideally, especially in the case of senior students, individuals will have specific areas of improvement that will be their focus and staff will cater to those requests and needs, as much as possible.

In addition, Upper school students (Years 10-12) will be working separately to lower school students, focussing on a variety of writing skills, including essays. In the lead up to exams, the focus is on examination questions and technique, thus it is highly recommended that students attend tutorial sessions during this time. In the younger Year groups, spelling, grammar and paragraphing are often the focus, utilising games and enjoyable mini competitions.

We love having lots of students join us for tutoring and whilst assistance with the skills and knowledge to succeed in written assessments is readily offered, these tutorial sessions are not designed as homework classes. They are designed to be fun, helpful, informal and purely voluntary.

**When:** Thursday Afternoons  
**Time:** 3.30-4.15pm  
**Where:** The Edmund Rice Library (Nagle Library)

*We hope to see you all there!*

Miss Shelley Nodwell  
English Teacher

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**From the College Counsellor Mr Shaw**

The **Australian General Ability Test** (AGAT) was administered to all Year 7 students in Week 2 this year.

The test is a multiple choice test of verbal, numerical and abstract ability based on the Australian Curriculum Framework and was “normed” on Australian students in each of the states. Norming is a process to ensure that results from the test fit a normal distribution curve.

We use the test at Nagle to help (along with other information) identify students for particular programs like learning support, extra tuition, subject extension and so on.

As has been the case since we began using this test, our students’ results are similar to both the national average (mean) and the national spread of scores (standard deviation). In fact, as was the case last year, we have a larger group of students above the average than below it—that is, in the above average range.

If you would like more information about AGAT please contact me at the College.

Mr Peter Shaw  
College Counsellor

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**From the College Counsellor Miss Stodel**

Welcome back to all our existing and new students and parents of the College. Hopefully, you are all well rested and looking forward to the year ahead.

The Counselling Department is based in the Paschal Centre, and we have Mr Shaw available all day Mondays, and Thursdays and on Tuesday mornings. I am based full time. Students are able to choose who they would like to see and can be referred by parents and/or teachers, with their consent. The referral process is available on Page 23 of the student diary and on the website.

Home-Room visits will be conducted this term, to explain the Counselling process and programs available for students.

In 2012, several new groups were established for Rainbows, a peer support program to help students deal with significant life changes, including grief and loss. With the need clearly being identified, several members of staff recently completed training which increases the number of Rainbows Facilitators available within our College.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following staff as a Rainbows Facilitator, Mrs Isabelle Greenfield, Mrs Christine Mclldowie, Mr Ben Ebsary, Mr Dean Murdoch and from the boarding house; Mrs Kerry Driscoll, Mr Mike Driscoll, Mrs Joyce Morrison, and Mrs Glenda Boys.

Students involved in the program last year, have the opportunity to run in another group this year with Mrs Greenfield, Mrs Mclldowie or Mr Ebsary. Expressions of interest are open for new group registrations. Initial assessments will occur in Semester 1, with newly formed groups commencing in Semester 2. In some cases, individual counselling may be recommended as a starting point, in preparation for students to participate in group work. Additional information about this program and registration forms are available on the website.

The Resilience Doughnut workshops will be run with all Year 7s in the last week of Term 1. A parent seminar will be held on Tuesday 16 April, with further information being available in upcoming Newsletters. Please refer to the website for further information.

Finally, Parenting Educator Michael Grose, has a range of resources and information available as part of his ‘Parenting Ideas’ initiative, which we regularly share and update. Please check out the articles on the College website, on a range of topics and issues that may be of interest.

http://web.ncc.wa.edu.au/programs/college-counsellor

Miss Taryn Stodel  
College Counsellor  
Coordinator and Facilitator of Rainbows  
Accredited Resilience Doughnut Trainer
Aquatics
There have been a number of queries regarding student participation and aquatics. If your child does not bring their PE uniform, they will be asked to write lines. If your child does not bring a note explaining the reason for their non-participation, they will also be asked to write lines. If this occurs three times in one term, the student will be given a detention. If your child can participate in the walk to the beach and the walk back but cannot swim, we ask that they still change into their PE uniform.

We have had some parent feedback regarding girls and “feminine issues”. Again, we encourage parents to clearly state the reason for non-participation, as it can sometimes be confusing for teachers to ascertain why a student is not participating.

Interhouse Swimming Carnival
The Interhouse Swimming Carnival is happening on Friday, 15 March. The Carnival is a twilight event commencing at 3.30pm and finishing at approximately 7:30pm. Students will be dismissed from school at 12:30pm, which means that those travelling on buses from out of town, may need to make arrangements to stay in town with friends. Students are asked to arrive at the Aquarena no later than 3:10pm.

The entry fee for all students has been paid for by the College. Spectators will be $2 for entry. It is hoped that as many parents and friends as possible, can come along and enjoy the evening.

Dress for the Carnival consists of PE uniform (shorts, shirt, HAT and thongs) and black one piece bathers for all girls in Years 7 to 12. Definitely no board shorts or surf gear. No streamers, zinc, radios, balloons and textas are allowed at the Aquarena. Students must bring their hats. The theme of the Carnival is PARTICIPATION. Students are encouraged to get involved and support their Houses.

The Aquarena has recently been undergoing a transformation. I have been liaising with the Pool Manager and we have been assured that the facility will be ready for our Carnival. The new lights will be available for our use. Sandy areas will be dampened prior to the event to ensure that dust and sand don’t spread.

Indoor Pool
This year, we will be trialling the use of the indoor pool. Students in division 6-10 in Years 7 and 8 freestyle will be competing in the 25m pool.

Leaving the Pool Area
Leaving the pool area is not permitted. Students who are working or have sporting commitments can, hopefully, juggle these to make the event. Those students with work or other commitments must let their House Leaders know as soon as possible. If parents would like to take their children earlier, they must sign out at the pool entrance through the sign out book. NO student will be able to leave the pool early unless they have parent written permission or their parent takes them.

Student Behaviour
The expectation is that all students behave in a sensible and responsible way. Any student who does not follow instructions or is creating a risk will be sent to the isolation area, to be supervised. If their misbehaviour continues, their parents will be contacted and they will be asked to pick them up from the Carnival.

Shade
The College will be erecting additional shade for the parents, as well as tiered seating. There will also be shade on the east side for the students, and the Aquarena will provide shade at the south end of the pool in the student marshalling area.

Refreshments
An additional canteen facility is to be set up outside to ease the congestion inside. There will also be sausages and drinks available from the St Vincent de Paul BBQ at the south end of the pool.

ACC Swimming Carnival
Our Associated & Catholic Colleges (ACC) team which travels to Perth to compete at Challenge Stadium, Claremont against the other schools, will be chosen from the Interhouse Carnival. Training for the ACC squad is held from 6.30 – 7.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at the Nagle pool, followed by breakfast at the College canteen.

The final ACC squad will include approximately five boys and five girls from each Year Group and is dependent on training, challenges and commitment to the squad. The students travel to Perth on Sunday 24 March and compete on Monday 25 March.

Ms Susan Seaward
Head of Health and Physical Education Learning Area

Lost Property
Please ensure your child’s name is on all items of clothing including goggles, towels, bathers and PE shorts and shirts.

There is a large collection of towels with no name, in the Paschal Centre. Any towels still unclaimed at the end of Semester 1 will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society.
By now, most of the books from the Booklist should have been delivered.

We do know that the Year 8 Science Combo pack is coming through in part supply and we will get these to the students as soon as they arrive.

It is probably advisable for you to check with Cristal Office on 9354 3822 if you are still waiting on any items from the booklist, just to make sure they are aware your items have not been supplied.

Mrs Ann Boyle
Library Manager

Recently our Year 7s took part in an Orientation Day.

The Orientation was coordinated by Year 7 Coordinator, Mrs Shelley Alexander, and took place at the St Pat’s campus over two days.

Students, who were under the direction of the House Leaders and House Captains, took part in a number of games and other activities designed to assist them in feeling comfortable in their new school environment.

Principal, Mr Tanham, also spoke to groups about what it means to be part of the Nagle Community.

According to Mrs Alexander, both days were a huge success.

“I think the days are a great introduction, and reiterate to our new students how lucky they are now to be part of Nagle Catholic College,” Mrs Alexander said.

Mr Peter Fiorenza
Public Relations

We are looking forward to the introduction of the new Year 8 Christian Service Learning (CSL) Program, ‘Reaching Out’ during weeks 5 and 6 of this term.

This program is designed to help our students grow into more compassionate people by living the Nagle Catholic College motto, ‘For Others’, through actions. Students will complete at least a total of ten hours of service; five of these will be for family, friends and neighbours and the remainder can be with any other community to which they belong. These may include the town, Nagle, their parish, or sporting groups.

All Year 8 students will bring home a yellow CSL Journal that outlines the program requirements and contains a ‘service record’ to log their hours. Students will be encouraged to go through the Journal with their parents to ensure familiarity with both the Journal and CSL requirements for the next 12 weeks. All Year 8 Christian Service Learning Journals will be due in Week 5, Term 2. This year, we are also encouraging students to enter the CSL photography competition.

This program will be challenging, however, with your support, your child will benefit from participation in this aspect of College life. We are nurturing the idea that what we do does matter; it has an effect on others. As Jessy and Bryan Matteo have so aptly put it, “even the smallest act of caring for another person is like a drop of water—it will make ripples throughout the entire pond…”

Miss Shelley Nodwell
Year 7/8 CSL Coordinator

On Saturday 23 February, the Year 12s of Nagle Catholic College dressed up in their finest for the annual College Ball.

Once again, the red carpet didn’t disappoint and was packed with excited onlookers trying to get a glimpse of the students all dressed up. All students looked amazing, some hard to recognise.

Entertainment was provided by Perth band, ‘Desert Bells’, and students also spent the night in and out of the ‘Gigglebooth’. Award winners on the night were:

- Belle of the Ball: Hannah Thuijs
- Beau of the Ball: Beau Simpson
- Miss Congeniality: Elysha Librizzi
- Mr Congeniality: Gauthier Gromez
- Best Dancers: Emily Slape and Khallan Ridge
- Best Couple: Donnacha Murray and Rebecca Moser
- Best Arrival: Jayden McGarry and partner.

A massive thank you goes out to all staff who helped to make the night such a huge success, the student helpers and also to the Year 12 students for the way they conducted themselves on the night.

Mrs Kobie Connolly
Nagle Ball Coordinator

View the full gallery of Ball photos on the College website.

http://web.ncc.wa.edu.au/gallery/events-gallery/school-ball-gallery

If your child is going to be absent from school or late to school, please advise the front office before 9am on the day.

SMS THE ABSENCE
0408 018 103

web.ncc.wa.edu.au
Local printmaker Helen Clarke visits the Nagle Catholic College Art rooms

This term, the Year 11 Certificate 2 Visual Arts students are taking advantage of the amazing skills and experience of local printmaker Helen Clarke.

Helen is demonstrating various techniques to the class including preparation of the plates; preparing colour sequencing; safe working practices and instructions on tools and equipment; inking and registration; problem solving and selection of a final edition.

Helen had the class enthused from the start, with her display of beautiful prints and her reflection on 35 years of involvement in the printmaking process.

The students are currently transferring their compositions to plates and are working towards a ‘first ink’.

Helen Clarke demonstrating the technique of printmaking

The students are studying a printmaking unit and in particular colour separations in Lino. Helen has come in for a week of lessons, to pass on her many years of experience in Reduction Lino prints and her love of the art form.

Helen’s love of Australian flora is now central to her extensive collection of botanical interpretations and she has gallery outlets in most states of Australia.

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She has a busy schedule of printmaking in her private studio, working on specially commissioned projects, as well as conducting community workshops throughout WA and interstate, in such remote locations as Alice Springs, Mullewa and Mount Magnet.

Rose of the West 1

I am very excited to have Helen at NCC and the potential print results, students will achieve. We hope Helen can return later in the term to assist the students with their final editions, selection of prints and an exhibition of their work.

Mr Matt Grigsby
Art Teacher

Year 7 Portrait Exhibition

A selection of portraits by the Year 7 art students is currently on display in the Edmund Rice Library.

These portraits have been inspired by the Japanese comic style ‘Manga’. Students begun their portrait planning by performing various studies of the human form in this style.

Their final design incorporated black pen and marker, as well as coloured pastels. The students from Year 7 were able to vote for what they considered to be the three best portraits. The winners are as follows:

1st place: Angelie Maestre
2nd place: Liesel Luxton
3rd place: Brooke Bonnell

Well done to all students involved!

Mr Jordan Andreotta
Art Teacher
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Dear Parent,

**Pertussis (whooping cough)**

We wish to inform you that someone has been diagnosed with Pertussis (whooping cough) in your school.

Pertussis is a highly contagious infection. It affects the throat and can cause bouts of coughing, and sometimes breathing difficulties and vomiting. Pertussis can be a very serious infection for small children—less than 2 years of age.

It is important that you observe your child for the symptoms of pertussis over the next three weeks. The illness usually starts with a snuffle or a cold, runny nose, tiredness and sometimes mild fever.

While the pertussis vaccination greatly reduces the risk of the infection, there is still a chance your child could suffer from whooping cough.

If your child develops symptoms, please take them to the doctor as soon as possible. Treating people with antibiotics can stop the spread of further infection if started early.

To further help stop the spread people who have been diagnosed with pertussis should remain at home until they have completed the full course of antibiotics or until after three weeks from the onset of the cough.

For more information please contact the Public Health Unit for the Midwest on ph. 99561978.

Yours sincerely

**Lyn Symonds**
Public Health Nurse
Public Health Midwest
Ph. 99561978
As a parent of a child in this school, your voice is important in the upcoming State Election. Here's Why...

With the upcoming state election, the Parents and Friends Federation of Western Australia Inc. would like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of grass-roots parent advocacy to effect change at the political level.

The Federation was formed in 1954 with the principle aim of advocating for financial support from governments for Catholic schools. In 1965, after years of sustained effort and advocacy by the dedicated members of the PFFWA Council, "the Brand government Liberal-Country Party Government legislated to provide in WA the first per-pupil recurrent operating funds anywhere in Australia for children in non-Government schools." [1]

The PFFWA were the first parent organisation in Australia to win this funding for children in Catholic and Independent schools and have continued to advocate on behalf of parents since that time.

It is still as important today as it was then to continue to push for funding equity at the grass-roots level - parents = voters. Whilst we appreciate the recently received $15m Low Interest Loan Scheme (ULS) funding for capital works in our schools from the Barnett government, the reality is that it has not increased since 1998, yet the cost of building new schools to provide choice and accessibility for families and the maintenance of existing schools to keep abreast of curriculum and technology needs has increased significantly.

It is important that you ensure your sitting member of Parliament and the prospective candidates in your electorate, know of your concern for the failure of state government to increase funding for Catholic school capital development.

The Federation has continued to advocate on behalf of parents of children in Catholic schools, maintaining a strong record of representation, advocacy and service through its independent voice. We hope that Catholic schools are provided with the continued funding and certainty to provide the exceptional education our children receive and the PFFWA will endeavour to ensure that the voice of parents is heard at all levels of government.

Please contact the PFFWA office on 9271 5909 if you have any questions.

Shelley Hill
PFFWA Executive Officer

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[i] [p61, Struggle & Achievement: a history of the Parents and Friends' Federation of Western Australia Inc. (1954-2004), Dr Hal GP Colebatch]
Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013, through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

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